

# Delaware State Police Investigate Homicide in Seaford

**Seaford, DE-** Delaware State Police are investigating the shooting death of a 31-year-old Laurel man Sunday night in Seaford.

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 8:59 p.m., the Seaford Police Department responded to a reported shooting at 1252 Norman Eskridge Highway. When officers arrived on the scene, they found the 31-year-old male in the parking lot with gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

At the request of the Seaford Police Department, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit was contacted to assume the investigation. Through investigative measures, detectives learned the victim was in the McDonalds drive-thru located at 300 S Dual Hwy when he first encountered a group of individuals also in the drive-thru. After exiting the drive-thru, the two parties continued their encounter in the adjacent parking lot off of Stein Hwy, at which time the victim was shot before the group of individuals fled the scene. No suspect information is currently available.

This case remains an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone who witnessed this incident or has information about this case is asked to contact Det. Mark Ryde by calling 302-741-2730 or emailing [Mark.Ryde@delaware.gov](mailto:Mark.Ryde@delaware.gov). Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/[Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at [DSP\\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov)

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